

**Community Relations Committee  
Judicial Conference of Indiana**

**Minutes**  
May 15, 2002

The Community Relations Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met in the Indiana Supreme Court Courtroom on May 15, 2002.

1. **Members present.** The following members of the committee were present: Daniel Heath, Stanley Levine, Blaine Akers, Lorenzo Arredondo, David Matsey, and David Dreyer, chair.
2. **Staff present.** Jenny Bauer, David Remondini and Elizabeth Osborn provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. **Others present.** Also in attendance were: Steve Sweitzer, representing the Indiana News Photographers Association; Don Asher, representing the Hoosier State Press Association membership; Larry Lough, representing the Associated Press Managing Editors; Suzanne McBride, representing the Society of Professional Journalists; Susana Schuler, representing the Radio-Television News Directors Association; Steve Key, counsel for governmental affairs, Hoosier State Press Association; and David Stamps, executive director of the Hoosier State Press Association.
4. **Judicial Advisory Committee on Media Relations.** Judge Dreyer announced the formation of the Judicial Advisory Committee on media relations and welcomed the media members of the Advisory Committee to the meeting. He distributed copies of the Advisory Committee's bylaws and explained that the purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide an open forum for discussion of bench/media issues and to provide Indiana judges an opportunity to seek assistance on issues related to the media and public information. Judge Dreyer also reported that Chief Justice Shepard would not be formally announce the Advisory Committee and the Fire Brigade until later in the summer.
5. **Public Service Announcements.** Judge Dreyer reported that he is working on a promotional pack to give to judges to promote public service announcements. The pack will include an explanation of the PSA project, model scripts, and suggestions on media outlets. Judge Dreyer also reported that he met with Meg Babcock, counsel to the Indiana Judicial Qualifications Commission, and Davis Remondini, counsel the Chief Justice, to discuss judges using the Supreme Court's video equipment for filming public service announcements. Ms. Babcock and Mr. Remondini did not see a need for special rules on the use of the equipment because disciplinary rules are already in effect which would govern the

judges and their use of the PSA's. They both think the Supreme Court can deal with problems regarding use of the equipment as the problems arise.

6. **Faces of Justice video.** Elizabeth Osborn reported that the "Faces of Justice" video is a link on the Supreme Court's web site and receives 80 hits per month. Jenny Bauer reported that the Judicial Center is looking for funding to make additional copies of the video to distribute to judges.

Respectfully submitted,

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